

Northampton City Council

Finance Committee

Councilor David A. Murphy, Chair
Councilor Jesse M. Adams
Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge
Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra

**City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street
Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building
Northampton, MA**

**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Dec. 18, 2014**

12/18/2014 - Minutes

1. Meeting Called To Order
At 7:26 pm Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call

Present: Councilor Murphy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Labarge, Councilor Sciarra.

Absent: None.

3. Approval Of Minutes From The Previous Meeting
4. Financial Orders
- 4.I. 14.344 Order Regarding James House

Councilor LaBarge moved to return this order to full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

Mayor Narkewicz informed the Council that six years ago first surplus order was put before the Council. Through a grant the building was heavy renovated at that time to make public space for educational and other community programs. Since that time the space has been used by tenants under three-year lease agreements. In order for those leases to be renewed, a new order allowing for the surplus of the building must be in place. Tenants include: Center for New Americans, Pioneer Valley Workers, and the Literacy Project. Rents that are charged are paying for maintenance of the building. Rents are approx. \$15/square foot and are charged based on the amount of space leased. Currently the rents are \$35,000 per year for the Center for New Americans; \$15,000 for the Literacy Project and about \$6,000 for the Pioneer Valley Workers program. There is more space available, including daycare amenities.

- 4.II. Community Preservation Committee Recommendations For Funding
Councilor Adams moved to send all CPC items back to City Council with no recommendation; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.
5. New Business
None

6. Adjourn

Councilor LaBarge moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

Respectfully Submitted by:
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